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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-15, 27-31, 36, 37 and 47-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by USPN 6,883,206 to Yang et al. Yang et al discloses a swivel hinge structure comprising;

a first rotary shaft (11) configured to be rotatable about a substantially vertically extending axis; a base (22) in the shape of a planar disc having a pair of oppositely disposed symmetrical cut out portions (Fig. 2), each of the cut out portions comprising a plurality of cut outs (forward and rearward open spaces of the base) extending inward toward the first rotary shaft, and configured to be rotatable in a substantially horizontal plane by the first rotary shaft; a second rotary shaft (16), portions of which extend outward from the planar disc between the plurality of cut out portions, and which is configured to be rotatable about a substantially horizontally extending axis, which intersects or is orthogonal with the first rotary shaft; and at least one elastic member (24) configured to limit elastically a rotation of the base or the second rotary shaft.

As to claims 3-7, the first and second rotary shafts are integrally formed with respect to the base, where the base is configured to be mounted on an electronic device including a main

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frame of a PC and a display means, and the second rotary shaft is configured to be connected to the display means (col. 3, lines 13-15). A central opening and/or inclined grooves (at the central opening) at the second rotary shaft are configured to receive wirings of an electronic device.

As to claims 8-11, 30, 31 and 36 the swivel hinge structure further including a mounting base (26) configured to be secured to the main body. The mounting base comprises a cylinder (Fig. 2) configured to receive the first rotary shaft, wherein the mounting base includes one or more fixing pins (14) configured to secure to the main frame of the PC. Additionally, the cylinder of the mounting base includes projections (adjacent openings **29**), which mate with grooves (30), which limit rotation of the first rotary shaft.

As to claims 12-14, 50 and 51 further a spring-loaded step ring or disc (18,20) with a stepped section (19a) is configured to releasably lock the base in a predetermined position. And a cover plate (rectangular top planar part of first rotary shaft) is provided to cover the base and includes an integral housing to cover wirings. An outward circumferential flange of the mounting base defines a cover part (Fig. 2) provided and fitted at a lower surface of the base.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 32-35 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Applicant's Arguments

In response to applicant's remarks presented on pages 14 and 15 in the Amendment of June 6, 2006 and applicant's necessity to amend the pending claims of record, the Examiner has respectfully withdrawn the rejection over Tanimoto et al as not meeting every limitation of the newly amended claims. However, Yang et al, previously cited, has been applied to address the structural limitations of applicant's amended claims. Thus, claims 1-15, 27-31, 36, 37 and 47-51 are found not to be patentable over Yang et al. Claims 32-35 are objected to.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. (10 am - 6:30 pm).

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